GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of onion exported during each of the last three years, country- wise alongwith the minimum export price of onion;

(b) whether the Government has lowered the Minimum Export Price of onion;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) whether before fixing the said price the Government had collected the information regarding its consumer sale price at Delhi, Kolkata, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Patna and Bangalore at that time in the country; and

(e) if so, the details and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The details of export of onion from India to major importing countries during the last 3 years are given below:

Quantity in metric tons Value in Rupees in Lakhs					
Country	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	
	Quan- tity	Value	Quan- tity	Value	Quan- tity	Value
Abu Dhabi & Sharjah	85192	6659.95	181544	18258.72	153477	17527.00
Bahrain	14430	1265.53	29264	3373.89	23040	2475.37
Doha	5623	464.2	8131	913.56	12195	1164.14
Kuwait	6990	600.98	12353	1506.59	13023	1344.85
Muscat	1108	41.44	6857	923.39	13540	1570.03
Singapore	16444	1487.88	18604	2058.32	18260	2023.11
Malaysia	117477	15869.09	193221	21142.2	218997	25198.32
Sri Lanka	74389	6364.45	73276	8012.55	138184	14080.92

Bangladesh 350020 29268.09 427662 34448.66 413741 51212.36

Nepal 27289 1570.27 24559 1969.87 22261 1079.80

Mauritius 11150 1338.53 11047 1721.27 10556 1867.28

Indonesia 1834 606.26 1348 119.52 11637 1543.28

Others 66188 6060.04 173232 19064.84 53570 7605.8

Total 778134 71596.71 1161098 113513.38 1102481 128692.26

(Source: NAFED)

The Minimum Export Price(MEP) during the period is given in the Annex.

(b)to (e) The Minimum Export Price (MEP) of onion is reduced or increased by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd(NAFED) from time to time depending upon the ruling prices and availability of onion in the domestic market. The MEP is fixed by NAFED on the basis of prevailing wholesale rates of onion in Nasik, the main onion producing district in Maharashtra, Azadpur(Delhi), Kolkata, Chennai etc. terminal markets in the country from where maximum export of onion takes place.